

**Introduced by Committee on Education (Senators Romero (Chair),  
Alquist, Hancock, Huff, Liu, Maldonado, Padilla, Simitian, and  
Wyland)**

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An act to amend Section 60641 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 511, as introduced, Committee on Education. Postsecondary education: standardized testing: nonresident tuition.

Existing law establishes the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program, also known as the STAR Program, and requires the State Department of Education to ensure that school districts administer the California Standards Test to their pupils, as specified. Under existing law, a pupil or his or her parent or guardian may authorize the release of the pupil's results to a postsecondary educational institution.

This bill would require the department to ensure that a California Standards Test that is augmented for the purpose of determining readiness for college-level coursework inform a pupil in grade 11 that he or she may request that results from that assessment be released to a postsecondary educational institution.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 60641 of the Education Code is amended  
2     to read:

60641. (a) The department shall ensure that school districts  
comply with each of the following requirements:

(1) The standards-based achievement test provided for in Section 60642.5 is scheduled to be administered to all pupils during the period prescribed in subdivision (b) of Section 60640.

(2) The individual results of each pupil test administered pursuant to Section 60640 shall be reported, in writing, to the parent or guardian of the pupil. The written report shall include a clear explanation of the purpose of the test, the score of the pupil, and the intended use by the school district of the test score. This subdivision does not require teachers or other school district personnel to prepare individualized explanations of the test score of each pupil.

(3) (A) The individual results of each pupil test administered pursuant to Section 60640 also shall be reported to the school and teachers of a pupil. The school district shall include the test results of a pupil in his or her pupil records. However, except as provided in this section, individual pupil test results only may be released with the permission of either the pupil's parent or guardian if the pupil is a minor, or the pupil if the pupil has reached the age of majority or is emancipated.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), a pupil or his or her parent or guardian may authorize the release of individual pupil results to a postsecondary educational institution for the purpose of credit, placement, *determination of readiness for college-level coursework*, or admission.

(4) The districtwide, school-level, and grade-level results of the STAR Program in each of the grades designated pursuant to Section 60640, but not the score or relative position of any individually ascertainable pupil, shall be reported to the governing board of the school district at a regularly scheduled meeting, and the countywide, school-level, and grade-level results for classes and programs under the jurisdiction of the county office of education shall be similarly reported to the county board of education at a regularly scheduled meeting.

(b) The publisher of the standards-based achievement tests provided for in Section 60642.5 shall make the individual pupil, grade, school, school district, and state results available to the department pursuant to paragraph (9) of subdivision (a) of Section 60643 by August 8 of each year in which the achievement test is

1 administered for those schools for which the last day of test  
2 administration, including makeup days, is on or before June 25.  
3 The department shall make the grade, school, school district, and  
4 state results available on the Internet by August 15 of each year  
5 in which the achievement test is administered for those schools  
6 for which the last day of test administration, including makeup  
7 days, is on or before June 25.

8 (c) The department shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that  
9 the results of the test for all pupils who take the test by June 25  
10 are made available on the Internet by August 15, as set forth in  
11 subdivision (b).

12 (d) The department shall ensure that a California Standards Test  
13 that is augmented for the purpose of determining credit, placement,  
14 or ~~admission~~ *readiness for college-level coursework* of a pupil in  
15 a postsecondary educational institution inform a pupil in grade 11  
16 that he or she may request that the results from that assessment be  
17 released to a postsecondary educational institution.